

## **News Brief**

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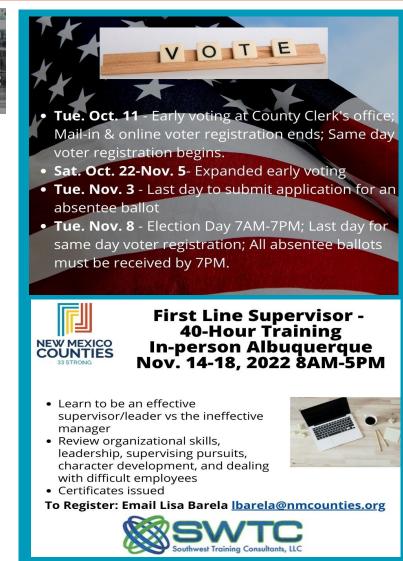
NM Counties Welcomes New Executive **Director** As Steve Kopelman cycles off into the sunset, Joy Esparsen saddles up and takes the reins of NMC. She has worked at NMC for almost 20 years, starting as the executive director liaison and advancing to deputy executive director. Joy currently chairs the National Association of Counties Intergovernmental Relations Officials, and for many years has worked on national issues of critical importance to county government. As executive

director, Joy will help plan and implement NMC policies, objectives, and programs and will play a major role in NMC's legislative platform and initiatives at the local, state, and federal level. Congratulations Joy!!! (L:R Jhonathan Aragon, Paul Gutierrez, Joy Esparsen, Steve Kopelman, and Ron Lethgo)

## OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS: **COUNTY TOOLKIT**

Operation Green Light for Veterans The NACo Board unveiled this new national public awareness campaign inviting county leaders to join Operation Green Light for Veterans by **lighting your buildings green from** November 7 to November 13. NACo encourages counties to adopt the sample resolution, use the media templates and letters to Congress, and order your green lighting through the NACo program sponsors at Amazon.

NACo is also pleased that several state associations of counties and county veteran service officers have secured additional corporate suppliers and sponsors, as well as joined forces with their governors and states to showcase and enhance this campaign. This initiative will shine a light on the issues veterans face across the country and the resources available to veterans at the county, state, and federal levels.





## **Law Enforcement Accreditation**

MEXICOIN August 2021, NMC worked with the NM COUNTIES Sheriff's Association and the Sheriffs Affiliate to develop the accreditation program and form the NM Sheriffs Professional Standards Council. The standards were broken into four categories: administration, operations, personnel, and training.

In April 2022, the program went live with two applications received so far. The goal of the accreditation council is to enroll eight more agencies in the program over the next

Accreditation consists of: application, self-assessment, onsite assessment, council review, and continued compliance. Technical assistance is provided by the **NMC** Accreditation Program Manager Jessica Tyler at no

Sign up today on the nmcounties.org website under Resources/Law Enforcement Accreditation tab. For more information, contact jtyler@nmcounties.org.



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Contact Beverly Garcia 505-670-3022 NACo Cybersecurity Leadership Academy **BOGO Deal** Buy 1 seat for \$1,995 and get 1 free Limit of 1 per county).

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Cyber threats are one of the most pressing issues facing county leaders today. Enroll one leader into the <u>Cybersecurity Leadership Acad</u>emy at \$1,995 and NACo will provide a 100% scholarship for a second attendee to join. It's a 12-week online program and available for registration through Nov. 4, 2022. Select your online program start date for either Jan. 9, April 24, Aug. 7, or Sept. 18 in 2023.

For a limited time, NACo offers *free, quarterly* cyber security simulations to assess your county's current state of readiness. Takes 30-60 minutes for one week. Learn more and sign up today!

Link to NMC Meetings 2022 Annual Calendar Link to Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP 2023 NMC Calendar of Events

Thu Oct 20 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM, Cloudcroft The Lodge

Fri Oct 21 NMCIA Board Retreat 8AM, Cloudcroft Wed Oct 26-28 Infrastructure Finance Conference

ABQ, Bernalillo County Thu Nov 3 NMC Executive Committee 10AM Santa Fe County

Fri Nov 4 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

Mon Nov 14-18 40-Hour First Line Supervisor training, Albuquerque, FREE to county members

Register: <a href="mailto:lbarela@nmcounties.org">lbarela@nmcounties.org</a> Wed Nov 16-18 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

**Tue Dec 6–8** NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Embassy Suites **Thu Dec 8** Advisory Council meeting 2PM ABQ **Embassy Suites** 

Wed Dec 14 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County

Mon Jan 16–19 NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe County

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